



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:	Attorney Docket No.: KKH-0034
Matsuaki IWASHITA et al.	Examiner: S. MacArthur
Application No.: 10/520,406	Art Unit: 1792
Filed: January 6, 2005	Confirmation No.: 5490
For: PROCESSING APPARATUS AND PROCESSING METHOD	

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2007, the period for response being extended to April 27, 2008 by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 10-13 and 17-24 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 5 and 9 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1 and 6 are amended. Claims 21-24 are withdrawn from further consideration.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)